

Planned Truck Demonstration Summary

Created on Tuesday, January 25, 2022

Updated on Wednesday, January 26, 2022 at 10:00 hours (Updates in red)

Planned Truck Demonstration

- Over the weekend, the Protective Operations Coordination Center (POCC) reported a strong resentment on multiple Social Media platforms, targeting PM TRUDEAU, Minister of Transport Omar ALGHABRA and politicians in general.
- On January 22, 2022, a total of 15 files were opened in 16 hours.
- The PIU was advised by the s.37 program of more than 20 adverse comments towards PM TRUDEAU, Minister ALGHABRA and politicians in general, posted to Social Media in the past 24 hours. Most appear to be linked to the Truck Demonstration.
- The RCMP PIU, FPNS NCIT and FPNI Intelligence Ideologically Motivated Criminal Intelligence Team (IMCIT) are monitoring the planned Truck Demonstration (also known as the 'Freedom Convoy 2022' is scheduled for January 28 and 29. The demonstration is comprised of 3 "Freedom Convoys", one from Western Canada, one from Eastern Canada and a third from Southern Ontario.
- The goal of the nation wide protest is to disrupt traffic flow and general business of government in the hopes that the Canadian government will lift all CoViD-19 related restrictions. Although the majority of information indicates organizers are planning a peaceful event, many Social Media posts suggest some participants may attempt to disrupt government buildings and further cause disruptions throughout the city.
- Information from Social Media suggests an attempt by the group to control the media surrounding the event, with plans to block mainstream media from reporting the demonstration while organizers may be travelling with their own 'media' team and possibly using a private plane to gather images of the demo.
- As of January 26, 2022, over 5.1 million dollars has been raised via GOFUNDME. The funds are being withheld until the event organizer is able to provide the documentation explaining how the funds will be properly distributed.
- Information suggests the convoys will meet in Toronto on January 27 and drive the 401 highway to Kingston. Then stage in Arnprior on January 28th and converging to Ottawa at noon on January 29 on Parliament Hill. It is unknown how long the protesters plan to stay in Ottawa, however, the PIU has located Social Media posts indicating some participants may stay around the downtown core until January 31 in hopes to disrupt the House of Commons sitting that day.
- The PIU located a twitter post suggesting that the convoys may at some point converge near 24 Sussex Drive to continue their protest. As the situation remains fluid, INTERSECT is planning to

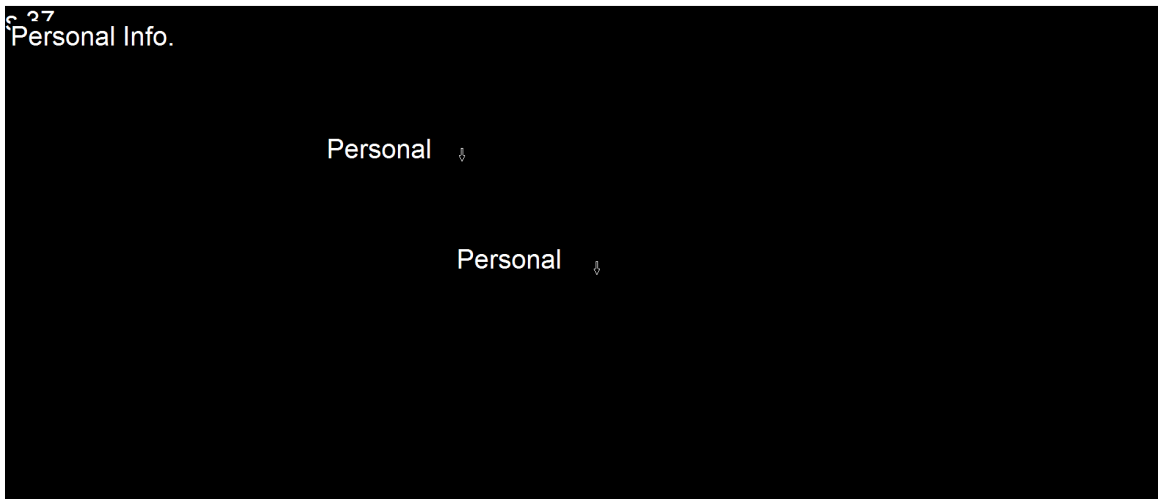
set an activation call Wednesday afternoon (tomorrow) at which time there should be more knowledge of the planned events for Ottawa.

- We can expect a major traffic impact heading into this weekend and possibly into next week. There are reports of Truck Demonstrations are already slowing and stopping traffic throughout Canada.
- This convoy is also attracting individuals who are not aligned with any specific ideology or group, but who have experienced personal hardships (such as job loss) due to COVID-19 and are upset with provincial or federal government responses as COVID-19 continues to impact daily life. IMCIT is liaising with law enforcement partners to maintain visibility on this event and other events related to opposition of trucker mandates which are occurring nationally.
- Though the organizers have expressed the intent for a peaceful demo, Open Source monitoring has identified associated posts advocating violence and there is potential for anti-government groups to join the demo with violent intentions. Online posts associated with the convoy continue to feed the conspiracy narrative with misinformation and disinformation which raises tensions with protestors. There is also concern for the lack of information by organizers regarding the period the convoys will be in Ottawa this weekend.
- Estimates on social media have claims that up to 1 million people are coming to Ottawa. These numbers are in no way reliable.
- As of January 25, 2022, Calgary PS advised that a convoy of 20-25 trucks left Calgary this morning. Regina PS stated about 300 trucks entered Regina yesterday. Social Media reports from the group state the convoy is splitting up into smaller groups and could be anywhere from 10km-70km long, however, they refuse to share the actual numbers with police. The group is expected to rest in Kenora, ON tonight.
NOTE: The Canadian Trucking Alliance issued a statement yesterday saying they do not support the current convoy.
- On January 26, 2022, Regina PS indicates about 1200 trucks involved in the demonstration, however, no distinction has been confirmed for the size or type of truck or personal vehicle. The SQ are reporting 1000 to 1500 trucks to cross the border into Ontario with possibly 3600 people attending the demo. Open Source reports suggests truck drivers from the U.S. plan to join the Canadian demonstration with the possible intent to cause further disruption.
- Open Source reports suggest police are setting up roadblocks outside Ottawa, such reports seem to fuel some trucker's agitation. A post to the event Facebook group asks for known MP's addresses in Ottawa including the PM's residence and cottage. The posts suggest the convoy should break apart to protest at all these locations.
- On January 27, 2022, from 0730 to 0900, a "PEI Freedom Convoy to Ottawa 2022" event will take place. The group may drive across the Confederation Bridge at slow speed. The organizer

confirmed that a peaceful protest is scheduled to commence in Borden on Thursday, January 27th at 7:30 am at the Irving and another undecided location. The protest is not expected to include any traffic blockages and will not keep any emergency vehicles from passing. The demonstrators have no intentions of leaving their vehicles and will be immediately returning to PEI. It is believed that the protesters will be driving 30 to 40 kms/hr as opposed to 1 km/hr as stated.

- Approximately 100 supporters have shown interest in escorting the truckers, it is unknown if that means 100 different vehicles/people or a number of people per vehicle.
- In preparation for this event, L Division CROPS deployed Division Liaison Team Members for proactive engagement with the protest organizers. The organizer is seemingly very co-operative and has indicated the group has no intentions of any illegal activity.

- ²⁷Personal Info.



Ongoing efforts

- As the situation remains fluid, INTERSECT is planning to set an activation call on Wednesday, January 26, 2022 in the afternoon at which time there should be more knowledge of the planned events for Ottawa. We can expect a major traffic impact heading into this weekend and possibly into next week.
- The RCMP is liaising and working in collaboration with our PoJ partners, such as OPP and OPS to help inform an intelligence picture (number of persons and vehicles involved in convoy as they leave their jurisdiction) to help estimate the deployment of adequate resources in Ottawa.
- IMCIT is liaising with C&IP to understand their efforts in attempting to track the convoy via GIS.
- Planning is underway for the potential disruptions this weekend to do with the truck convoys. A divisional planner (Meghan Bruce) has been assigned by the POCC and the NCRCC will be activated. Nat Div is also looking at standing up Tac troops for this weekend. O&C is not part of

the NCRCC activation, but if you or the DG would like somebody from O&C present during the activation to provide real time briefing reports then I will set up a schedule and get us a seat.

Analysis of estimated trucks to arrive in Ottawa on January 28, 2022

- Calgary: estimated 25-25 trucks departed
- Regina: estimated 1200 trucks were involved in demonstration
- SQ: 1000 to 1500 trucks to arrive in Ottawa with possibly 3600 people to attend demonstration
- **TOTAL: 2725 trucks**